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Applicant: Mark D. Amundson et al.

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Title: **INDUCTIVE COIL APPARATUS FOR BIO-MEDICAL TELEMETRY**

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Applicant has reviewed the final Office Action dated June 26, 2002. Detailed comments to the Office Action are found in the Remarks section below. Amendments to the claims are found in the following Amendments section.

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 12 and 27 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace claims 1 - 3, 6, 7, 23 and 25 with their respective claims in the appendix entitled "Clean Version of the Amended Claims." The replacement claims are intended to reflect the specific amendments as detailed in the following marked up set of claims.

1. (Twice Amended) An apparatus for communication with an implanted medical device, comprising:

a first and a second telemetry coil [that is] concentrically planarly wound substantially in a common plane [planar] and each adapted to inductively couple with the implanted medical device;

[a magnetically permeable core surrounded by the first telemetry coil for increasing the flux density therewithin and thereby allowing a smaller outer dimension of the first telemetry coil necessary for communication with the implanted device;] and

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